

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Subcl 7 1. A method of playing a wagering game with at least two consecutive plays comprising:

5 placing at least one bet;

receiving at least one first set of symbols from which a rank may be determined in reading the symbols;

determining the rank of the first set of symbols;

comparing the rank of the first set of symbols to a payout table;

determining whether the rank of said first set of symbols exceeds a minimum

10 rank in the payout table;

receiving at least a second set of symbols from which a rank may be determined;

determining the rank of the second set of symbols;

comparing the rank of the second set of symbols to a payout table;

15 determining whether the rank of said second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second set of symbols exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) first set of symbols and the second set of

20 symbols exceed a minimum rank in the payout table.

Sub 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the resolution of the bet with respect to whether the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols exceed a minimum rank in the payout table requires that the rank of both the first set of symbols and the second set

25 of symbols both exceed a minimum rank in the payout table for the resolution of the bet on c) to provide a return on the bet.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the minimum rank of the ranks of the first set of symbols and the second set of symbols determines the amount of any payout for resolution of the bet on c).

5 *Sub 27* 4. A method of playing a wagering game of cards with at least two consecutive hands of a card game being played comprising:

10 placing at least one bet;
receiving at least one first hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
determining the rank of the first hand of cards;
10 comparing the rank of the first hand to a payout table;
determining whether the rank of said first hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;
receiving at least a second hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
determining the rank of the second hand of cards;
15 comparing the rank of the second hand to a payout table;
determining whether the rank of said second hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;
resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second hand of cards exceeds a
20 minimum rank in the payout table; and c) first hand of cards and the second hand of cards both exceed a minimum rank in the payout table.

5 *Sub* 25 6. The method of claim 4 wherein all hands are dealt from a deck of playing cards.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the deck of playing cards is a standard deck of fifty-two cards.

7. The method of claim 4 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
9. The method of claim 6 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.
10. The method of claim 4 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
11. The method of claim 5 wherein all minimum ranks are at least one pair.
12. The method of claim 4 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
13. The method of claim 10 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
14. The method of claim 11 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).
15. A method of playing a video wagering game with at least two consecutive hands of a card game being played comprising:
- placing at least one bet;
 - receiving at least one first hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
 - determining the rank of the first hand of cards;
 - comparing the rank of the first hand to a payout table;
 - determining whether the rank of said first hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;
 - receiving at least a second hand of cards from which a rank may be determined;
 - determining the rank of the second hand of cards;
 - comparing the rank of the second hand to a payout table;

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determining whether the rank of said second hand exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table;

resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) first hand of cards and the second hand of cards both exceed a minimum rank in the payout table.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein all ranks are determined as poker ranks.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).

18. The method of claim 16 wherein said at least one bet comprises three bets, one allocated towards a), one allocated towards b), and one allocated towards c).

19. The method of claim 15 wherein the payout table comprises:

<u>Outcome</u>	<u>First Game</u>	<u>Second Hand</u>	<u>Parlay Bet</u>
Royal Flush	250	250	5,000
Straight Flush	50	50	5,000
Four Aces	160	160	5,000
Four 2's, 3's, or 4's	80	80	5,000
Four 5's - Kings	50	50	5,000
Full House	10	10	400
Flush	7	7	100
Straight	5	5	50
Three-of-a-kind	3	3	9
Two Pair	1	1	5
One Pair	1	1	3

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20. A method of playing a wagering game of poker comprising:
- a) a player placing a wager on a first game of poker;
 - b) the player playing said first game of poker;
 - c) determining if the player wins the first game of poker;
 - 5 d) if the player wins the first game of poker with a hand exceeding an at least predetermined rank, providing the player with an opportunity to play a second game of poker, and
 - e) if the player attains a hand in the second game of poker that also exceeds said predetermined rank, a payout is achieved for a) the rank of the first poker hand, b)
 - 10 the rank of the second poker hand, and c) the occurrence of both first poker hand and said second poker hand exceeding a specific rank.

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21. The method of claim 20 wherein a side bet must be placed to allow the player to receive the bonus payout and the side bet must be wagered prior to step a).

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22. A method of playing a wagering game that includes the steps of:
- placing a at least one part bet;
 - playing a first wagering game segment whose game outcome depends at least in part upon the random selection of game symbols;
 - 20 comparing a first segment game outcome to the rules of the game to determine if a payout is associated with the first segment game outcome;
 - playing at least a second wagering game segment whose outcome depends at least in part upon the random selection of game symbols;
 - comparing a second segment game outcome to the rules of the game to
 - 25 determine if a payout is associated with the second segment game outcome;
 - awarding the player a first payout when the first segment game outcome is determined to be a winning outcome;
 - awarding the player a second payout when the at least a second game outcome is determined to be a winning outcome; and

when consecutively played first and at least a second game segments both have winning outcomes, paying the player a third payout for the consecutive winning outcomes.

- 5 23. A method of playing a wagering game comprising the steps of:
 a player placing a wager comprising at least one part to participate in the
 wagering game;
 playing a first wagering game segment whose outcome is based at least in part
 upon chance;
 10 comparing the outcome of the first wagering game segment to the rules of the
 game to identify whether the outcome is a winning outcome;
 playing a second wagering game segment whose outcome is based at least in
 part on chance;
 comparing the outcome of the second wagering game segment to the rules of
 15 the game to identify whether the outcome is a winning outcome; and
 awarding the player a separate payout for winning outcomes of the first
 wagering segment game and winning outcomes of the second wagering segment game,
 and when there are consecutive winning outcomes for the first wagering segment game
 and the second wagering segment game, awarding the player a third payout.

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24. The method of claim 23 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are identical games.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are poker.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein the first and second wagering segment games are reel slot games.

